Happy 2nd Anniversary, Midnight Scans

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED BY, WITHOUT US REALIZING THAT MIDNIGHT SCANS IS NOW 2 YEARS OLD. INDEED, WE CAN SAY THAT THE ALL THE STAFF MEMBERS, BOTH OLD AND NEW, HAVE REALLY BEEN SO COMMITTED TO THE GROUP BY ALLOWING THEMSELVES TO BE SOMETIMES TORTURED, WHIPPED, AND STABBED BY THE CRAZY ADMINS

WE'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS CHANCE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT OF THANKS TO ALL THESE PEOPLE
FIRST THANKS GOES TO KUINN WHO DOES MS ONE HUGE FAVOR, AND THAT IS BY BULLYING A CRAZY ADMIN, SO THAT THE MENTIONED ADMIN COULD STAY SANE WITH US. SECOND, THE ENTIRE MS FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO ALPHA^ WHO ALLOWS US TO MAKE USE OF HIS WONDERFUL TORSKO. WE JUST WOULD LIKE TO SAY SORRY WHENEVER WE SEE TORSKO BEING RAPED BY OUR FANGIRLS. THIRD IS FOR OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS FROM OUR JOINT GROUPS FOR BEING PATIENT WITH US (YES, FISHIE THAT INCLUDES YOU.) LAST, WE COULD NOT MISS THANKING SHINJIN, QUON, HAN, AND MASSO, THE 4 MYSTERIOUS DUDES WHO CAMP IN OUR STAFF ROOM, ENTERTAINING US WITH THEIR WEIRD STORIES OF THEIR COUGHPRIVATELIVESCOUGH

NOW WE GO TO ATTY'S MOMENT OF THANKS TO THE STAFF MEMBERS..

TO OUR DEAREST SCANNERS, AERINVES AND MERCY,
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING SO PATIENT WITH ME AS I OFTEN SO, "LET'S GET THIS, THIS AND THIS555", WHICH ENDED TO STACK YOU WITH MORE AND MORE WORK. WITHOUT YOU TWO, WE WILL NEVER HAVE GREAT SCANS. AS WHAT SUSHITRAIN HAD SAID, YOU GUYS ARE MY FAVORITE FOR GIVING ME SUCH GREAT SCANS.

TO THE TRANSLATORS,
I JUST CAN'T STOP LOVING YOU, YOU'VE BEEN CONSTANTLY PROVIDING ME MORE AND MORE TRANSLATIONS. WITHOUT YOU ALL, WE'LL NOT BE WHOLE. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORKS AND KEEP THEM COMING

TO THE DEAREST PR TEAM,
THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING YOURSELVES TO BE POKED, STABBED AND YELLED AT. I'M FOREVER IN YOUR DEBT, AND YES, I'LL DO MY BEST TO BRING IN MORE SMUT MANGA AS PER REQUEST BY AYECHAN. KEEP UP YOUR GOOD WORK. I LOVE YOU GUYS!!!

TO OUR SMALL TEAM OF EDITORS,
THANK SO MUCH FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND EFFORT YOU GIVE IN EDITING AS FAST YOU COULD JUST SO WE ALL COULD HAVE THE RELEASES OUT THERE. AS HIKA SAID, WE SHOULD BE HONORING YOU GUYS SINCE YOU ARE THE ONES WHO FACE HARDSHIPS OF REMOVING THOSE CRAZY SFX AND OF REDRAWING AND CLONING TILL EVERYTHING IS PERFECT

LASTLY TO OUR DEAREST FANGIRLS/BOYS,
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WONDERFUL COMMENTS AND THE NOT SO WONDERFUL COMMENTS THAT YOU GIVE. WE'RE HAPPY THAT YOU APPRECIATE OUR WORKS, AND WE HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE HEARING MORE OF THOSE LOVELY COMMENTS

MidnightScans
http://MidnightScans.com

← Yume (MS male staff)
Reader XXX, we have a ton of projects, and 70% of them are smut based.
Oh my he is gorgeous I wonder if he can be eaten.
You have come to the right place for your smut and shoujo addiction. Do not feel shy because that is not a crime.
Erm, Int What kind of help do you need?
← Shindou (MS male staff)
So, you've heard that we are recruiting, which has led you to us.
Did our smut series bring you here? Or, Was it the fact we had not released xxvt that made you want to help?
We need more cleaners, Editors, and also, Japanese translators.
The intense look in his eyes is burning through my heart
Erm... I'd love to help you out... Just tell me What do you need of me, and I'll give it to you
Are you ready to help us with out with SMUT and SHOUJO addictions? if yes, come join us. We will not mistreat you... I will be with you every step of the way

To apply for Midnight Scans, Please visit, http://midnightscans.net/index.php

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Uka cries.
I don't.
Heaven is a corporation where angels are employees
We, the Messengers of Death, have the job of retrieving dying people, and every time, Uka cries.
I CAN'T CRY EVERY TIME I HAVE A JOB.
YUKIE'S TOO STRONG...
Aren't you sad?!

Angels' tears have the power to save people's lives
In the past, there was an angel who gave tears to the person being retrieving
I DON'T DO THAT...
I HOLD THEM IN UNTIL AFTER THE JOB'S DONE!
DON'T WASTE YOUR TEARS ON DYING PEOPLE, OKAY?
It's taboo to save someone who's scheduled to die.
Naturally, that angel was fired,
and to prevent the same thing from happening again, Messengers of Death were all given partners to watch over each other
I—HAVE PRIDE IN THIS JOB THAT LOOKS OVER THE LAST MOMENTS OF A PERSON'S SOUL!
I'M GOING TO CONTINUE THIS JOB FOREVER!
My partner is Uka.

FOREVER?
GOOD FOR YOU
RIGHT? RIGHT?
I DIDN'T REALLY PRAISE YOU
THAT'S RIGHT
AND SO I BEGAN THIS PAINFUL WORK
I'M LEAVING
HEY, LISTEN TO ME UNTIL I FINISH—
NEXT TIME
FLAP
Messengers of Death are almost like Death Gods.

I don't think about doing my best as a Messenger of Death
but maybe that fits...
this cold me.
The window's open, even though it's mid-winter.
The light's off too...
Are they sleeping?
FLAP
FLAP
CREAK...
FLAP
I HOPE THEY DON'T FREEZE TO DEATH
THAT'LL MEAN MORE WORK FOR ME!

WHO IS IT?
SURPRISE
No way...!
He can see me?!

A ROBBER?
He shouldn't be able to see me... when I'm in my angel form!
NO! NO!
THIS ROOM WAS DARK, AND THE WINDOW WAS OPEN, SO I
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE DARK...?
...HOW CAN YOU SEE ME?!
MY EYES ARE BAD.
YOU'RE BLIND?
His senses are sharper because he can't see?
Then, if I leave now...
FLAP
But he's blind!
He shouldn't know that I'm an angel.....
So, he noticed me?
HM?
THE SOUND OF WINGS?

I hate it.
The images just come in
...WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
ANGELS ARE PRETTY AND NICE, RIGHT?
I'D LIKE TO MEET ONE
YOU AREN'T?
IT'D BE NICE IF YOU WERE
...HUH? ARE YOU REALLY AN ANGEL?
N-... NO...
FLOP FLOP FLAP
YOU'RE... LIKE AN ANGEL
AAH...!

I'M A DEATH GOD!
AN ANGEL? ARE YOU STUPID?!
What am I saying?!
I CAME TO TAKE YOUR LIFE!
Wh-... What...?
MY ?
I'M A DEATH GOD THAT CAME TO KILL YOU!
YEAH!
SO PREPARE YOURSELF!
HASEGAWA OTOWA!
I'LL TAKE YOUR LIFE IN ONE WEEK,
WH-HASE-GAWA OTOWA.
Point
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?!

That person isn't scheduled to die at all. Pretending to be a Death God...If the company finds out, will I be fired? Not that I care about that.

With a twinkling smile, what was he saying?

"Angels are pretty and nice, right?"

YUKUE...

He really, really...
pisses me off!

I HAVE THINGS TO DO...
YUKUE'S NOT SERIOUS ENOUGH!
WHAT KINDS OF THINGS?

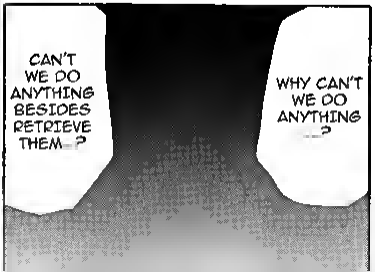
YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT YOUR WORK...
NO, THANKS...
DO YOU WANT TO CHECK OUT THE PERSON WE'RE GOING TO RETRIEVE?

BULLYING

FLAP
HASEGAWA OTOWA!
AH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

BULLY-ING
THIS VOICE THE DEATH GOD FROM YESTER-DAY?
WHY IS A DEATH GOD BULLYING ME?
I HAVE A REASON!
HUH...?
HASEGAWA OTOWA, YOU'RE GOING TO DIE FROM THE STRESS OF THIS BULLYING
SERIOU-SLY?!
THAT'S SO DUMB!
AND YOU'RE
GOING TO PER-SONALLY DELIVER THAT STRESS?
Y-...
YEAH, SO?
OH.
THEN...

DO YOUR BEST?
I DON'T WANT TO DIE,
SO I'LL DO MY BEST
I'LL BRIBE YOU
AND HAVE YOU LET ME SLIDE
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? ARE YOU STUPID?
Hmph
WHAT?! WILL IT BE ENOUGH IF I GIVE YOU TEN?
BUT I CAN'T SAVE YOUR LIFE WITH JUST THIS
IS YOUR LIFE WORTH ONLY TEN CAKES?!
THAT'S TOO LITTLE!
WELL,
IT'S GOOD
munch munch
IT'S FROM A PASTRY SHOP AROUND HERE
ISN'T IT GOOD?
munch munch



In the end, we can only watch.

It's no use even to cry.

...IT'S THE DEATH GOD-SAN GOOD EVENING
Flap
Flap
Flap
...WHY IS YOUR WINDOW OPEN?
YEAH, I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME.
DEATH GOD-SAN, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
...WHAT THE? IT'S NOT LIKE I'M A FRIEND.
I SORT OF THOUGHT YOU'D COME.

Besides, isn't it just a form of self-satisfaction...

to cry when nothing changes?

*Yukue's name's characters mean "going/let go" (Yuku) and "depend on" (e) What Otowa said is "die", (Yu) and then hiragana "kue", so it's read the same
YUKUE?
YUKUE
NO!
IT'S NOT,
BUT IT SORT OF FITS.
I DON'T THINK SO.
IT DOES!
YOU DON'T WANT IT TO FIT, RIGHT?
THEN, IT'S BETTER IF IT DOESN'T
IT'S NOT LIKE I HATE IT.
IF MY NAME IS "YUKUE" THAT'S PERFECT FOR A DEATH GOD.
*The "die" character is used here

YOU DON'T SOUND LIKE
YOU DON'T HATE IT.
I HAVE A FEELING THAT YUKUE-SAN'S WORDS ARE ALL LIES
WHAT...?
TRUTHFULLY, DON'T YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ELSE?
I SORT OF HEAR DIFFERENT WORDS THAN THE WORDS YOU'RE SAYING.
WHAT COLOR...

...ARE THESE WINGS REALLY?
FLAP
PURE BLACK!
I want them to be pure black.

like the night.
I wish they'd smother even my spirit...
Hmph~
YUKUE, YOU'RE IN A BAD MOOD!
They seem to see right through me, even though he shouldn't be able to see...
I don't like Otowa's eyes.
Why did I run away...?

Otowa... What? Hey!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, WANDERING AROUND WITHOUT A CANE?!
IT'S DANGER-OUS!
WHAT IF YOU HAD AN ACCIDENT?!
YUKUE-SAN?!
YOU'RE BLIND, SO BE MORE CAREFUL!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ANYWAY?!
HUH WHAT?
AN OFFERING TO DEATH GOD-SAMA...
WHAT'S AN OFFER-ING?!
Cake

SMACK
COME ON!
I'LL TAKE YOU HOME.
WHY ARE YOU SAVING ME?
YOU'RE A DEATH GOD, AREN'T YOU?
I'M NOT SAVING YOU...

He's right. Everything I say is a lie.

I saved him.

Because...

I could just leave him alone,

but maybe I should apologize...

CRASH!
WAAH?!
WHAAAH?! YUKUE-SAN?!
YES!
...ARE YOU HERE TO PICK ME UP?
UHH...
I CAME TO WARN YOU!
NO!
WARN?

YOU'RE BLIND, SO BE MORE CAREFUL WHEN YOU GO OUTSIDE, OKAY?!
YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL INSIDE TOO, OR YOU COULD DIE!
BYE!
..HUH?
NO.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO KILL ME?
THAT WAS A LIE
OHHH
I LIED TOO.

WHAT?
I'M NOT BLIND
BUT ..YOU SAID YOUR EYES WERE BAD!
...AND ANGELS.
THEY ARE
I CAN SEE THINGS NORMAL PEOPLE CAN'T, LIKE SPIRITS

PUSH
AH?!
Then, he knew from the beginning...
that I wasn't a Death God.
LIAR!
YOU TRICKED ME!
I DIDN'T TRICK YOU
Slam
Hit
I DION'T LIE RATHER, I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING
OW!
I SAID MY EYES WERE BAD, AND THEN YOU .
ASSUMED I WAS BLIND, SO I LEFT IT LIKE THAT
Hit
HEY, IT HURTS! STOP!

YOU'RE A REALLY VIOLENT ANGEL!
AREN'T ANGELS USUALLY KIND?
...WE'RE NOT
ME BEING A DEATH GOD WASN'T ENTIRELY A LIE
I'M A MESSENGER OF DEATH, AND MY JOB IS TO RETRIEVE PEOPLE WHO ARE DYING
WE CALMLY RETRIEVE PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY HAVE A TOMORROW, AND A DAY AFTER THAT...

*The original word for Messenger of Death is 'Kokushiten.' 'Ten' is the same character as the 'ten' in 'tenshi' (angel)

THAT'S A LIE
WHAT'S A LIE...?
YOU WERE ONLY TALKING,
BUT YOU WEREN'T CALM AT ALL.
YOU'RE SAD, AREN'T YOU?
I CAN HEAR YOU SAYING THAT.

GO AHEAD, AND CRY.
In reality,
I didn't want them to die.
I didn't want to retrieve them.
In reality,
I wanted to keep crying.

There's a window that is open, whether it's spring, summer, fall, or winter.

That is a place where an angel rests.

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